

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

By the present Amendment, Applicants are amending claims 4 and 5 to recite the features of the device of claim 1. No new matter is added. Further, Applicants are canceling claims 1 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2-5 are all the claims currently pending in the present application. Claims 2-5 have been allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

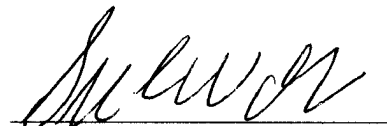
Claims 1 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,573,997 to Goldberg et al. As discussed above, Applicants are canceling claims 1 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering moot the rejection of these claims.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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